parties and candidates evolved by the Election Commission also stipulates *inter alia* that there shall be no appeal to caste or communal feelings for securing votes; mosques, churches, temples or other places of worship shall also not be used as forum for election propaganda. Further, in order to prevent the misuse of religious institutions for political and other purposes, the Religious Institutions (Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1988 has been enacted.

Vacancies of LDCs in MCD

1622. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH:

SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a good number of posts of Lower Division Clerks are lying vacant in the various Departments of Municipal Corporation of Delhi;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in the recent past, the concerned authorities of the Corporation have drawn a panel of the candidates for the posts of LDCs who have qualified in the written examination which was conducted to promote their Class IV employees to category III; and

(c) if so, what is the latest position in this regard and by when the deserving candidates who have been enlisted in the panel will get their promotion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) The panelists against the direct recruitment vacancies have either been appointed or have been given offers of appointment. The remaining 10 per cent vacancies reserved for recruitment on promotion from Class IV employees are to be filled up from among the candidates who qualify in the typing test which is yet to be held.

Evasion of Sales Tax and Income Tax by M/s. Pal Estate

1623. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Pal Estate, 54A Krishna Cloth Market, Chandni Chowk, Delhi are evading sales tax and income-tax for the past five years;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and what action has been taken to recover the sales tax and income tax amount from the company;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the above company have invested huge amount in another company, viz., M/s. Inder Singh Harmanjit Singh, 841 Katra Neel, Chandni Chowk, Delhi; and

(d) if so, the details of transactions held between the above companies and the source of their funds being raised for the purchase of the premises presently being held by the two companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) and (b) There is no concern operating by the name of M/s. Pal Estate from 54A Krishna Cloth Market, Chandni Chowk, Delhi.

One Shri Pal Singh is carrying on cloth and real estate business from the aforesaid premises.

Shri Pal Singh has filed his returns of Income for the assessment years 1978-79, 1979-80, 1980-81, 1982—83, 1984-85 and 1985—86 under the Amnesty scheme and income-tax has been paid on the income returned for these assessment years. For assessment years 1981-82 and 1983-84 returns were filed in normal course Notices have been issued to Shri Pal Singh to file income tax returns for 1986-87, 1987-88 and 1988-89.

(c) and (d) There is no information on record indicating any investment either in the name of Shri Pal Singh